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#### Cooperating Agencies

EPA Region 8 is coordinating the incident with EPA Regions 6 and 9, the States of Colorado and New Mexico, and the Navajo Nation and Southern Ute Tribes.

EPA Region 8 is coordinating with ATSDR in response to public health concerns/questions associated with the mine waste plume. ATSDR has been in communication with local health officials at San Juan County Basin Health Department in Colorado.

The Colorado Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office is monitoring effects on wildlife and aquatic life in the affected area.

EPA Region 8 has contacted the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the US Department of Interior about the incident, and is working with the US Geological Service on water flow data in Cement Creek and the Animas River.

EPA Region 9 has contacted the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding potential impacts to the Navajo Nation.

The La Plata County Sheriff issued an order closing the Animas River to all watercraft from the north County line (San Juan County, Colorado) to the south County line (at the Colorado/New Mexico State line) until further notice. Furthermore, all such watercraft must be removed from the Animas River within the locations cited above. The decision was made after consultation with the EPA, CDPHE, the San Juan Basin Health Department, and representatives of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Order will remain in effect until it is determined that the river is safe.

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